

THE TRIAL FILES

23/03/2024 ROSEHILL

Race 4 – 1:30PM DARBY MUNRO STAKES (1200 METRES)

Good edition of the Darby Munro this year. They will go quick with Gai runners THE NOVELIST, KAIZAD and RED RESISTANCE drawing the outside 3 gates and all likely to want to press on towards the lead. ROBRICK will try and hold a forward position from the inside gate with SCHWARZ and BRAVE MEAD likely to get gun runs on the back of the speed from barriers 4 & 5.

We have a good opinion of SCHWARZ and his trials this time in have been very pleasing. He has had 3 trials this time in, with the first coming on 8/2 so fitness shouldn't be a query and love the way he has moved in all of them. He finished off last preparation with a win during Cup week over 1400m at Flemington following a great run on debut Cox Plate day at the Valley and his trials suggest he has improved since then. He should get a perfect run from 4 tagging the speed and gets the services of J Mac. Ticks a lot of boxes for us here.

Thought the value in the race was with THE NOVELIST. He was a good winner of a Group 3 at Doomben in December 2022 and hasn't been seen at the races since so clearly has had some injury problems. His two trials leading in to this suggest that he is over whatever issues he has faced however. Has showed speed in both and looked to move particularly well. He comes through the same last trial at Schwarz and he went every bit as good as him.

The chances in this race don't end there. ROBRICK was a huge run last time behind Estriella at Flemington. Got a mile back there and would want to sit closer to win this. BRAVE MEAD is just an honest horse and his two runs this prep have been good. Gets every chance from barrier 5. CORNICHE was solid first up and the step out to 1200m is a positive for it.

SELECTION:

Good race but we are keen to be with #6 SCHWARZ (win). Want to have something small on #5 THE NOVELIST (win) also.



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